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SUBJ: TIKHONOV AS FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS SUPERVISOR?

1. AT SEPTEMBER 6 LUNCHEON HOSTED BY MFA USA DIVISION DEPUTY FEDOSEYEV, DCM ASKED ABOUT SIGNIFICANCE OF TIKHONOV'S APPOINTMENT AS FIRST DEPUTY PREMIER, AND FEDOSEYEV REPLIED THAT TIKHONOV HAD LONG EXPERIENCE IN FIELD OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS; THAT SOVIETS ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THIS FIELD; AND THAT TIKHONOV WOULD BE DEALING WITH IT IN HIS NEW CAPACITY.

2. COMMENT. FEDOSEYEV IS NOT IN A GOOD POSITION TO KNOW FULL WHY AND WHEREFORE OF TIKHONOV'S APPOINTMENT, BUT WE REPORT HIS REMARK AS A POSSIBLE INDICATION THAT ISSUE OF CONTROL OVER FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS MAY HAVE PLAYED A ROLE, BEYOND GENERAL NEED TO SUPPORT AILING KOSYGIN. IF TIKHONOV IS IN FACT TO DEAL WITH FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELA-TIONS, UPGRADING COULD INVOLVE BREZHNEV'S 25TH CONGRESS IDEA OF A "SUPER-DIRECORATE," AND THEREFORE QUESTION OF FATE OF DEPUTY PREMIER V. N. NOVIKOV'S CABINET-LEVEL
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COMMISSION FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS. WE WOULD

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ALSO NOTE THAT MINFON TRADE PROTOCOL, IN REPLY TO EXPRESSION
OF INTEREST IN FAREWELL CALL BY AMBASSADOR, HAS TOLD US
PATOLICHEV IS "ON VACATION UNTIL THE END OF SEPTEMBER."
LEADERSHIP POINT WOULD BE THAT MOTIVES FOR APPOINTMENT
MAY HAVE INCLUDED FACTORS OTHER THAN KOSYGIN ILLNESS,
STRENGTHEING POSSIBILITY THAT KOSYGIN, IF DOWN, IS NOT
AFTER ALL OUT.
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